

of the same being posted either in money or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto.

7. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, or shall be posted in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, or if any packet sent or tendered or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Queensland, or shall be posted in Queensland addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, but shall be equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under this Warrant on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight, every such respective packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon, or the value of the postage stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such packet would be liable as aforesaid together with a further and additional rate of postage of fourpence; but if any such packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, or shall be posted in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, addressed to the United Kingdom without any postage having been paid thereon, or without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such packet shall be forwarded, charged with double the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable under this Warrant if the postage thereon had been paid at the time of the same being posted.

8. In order to prevent any obstacle to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post any officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post whenever it may be necessary so to do, or (at his option) until the despatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

9. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise, whether any packet or any pattern or sample contained therein transmitted under or by virtue of this Warrant is entitled to the privileges of this Warrant and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning thereof, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive upon all parties.

10. The terms and expressions used in this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 96.

11. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may by Warrant under their hands duly made at any time hereafter alter, repeal, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any

new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time may appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

12. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

*Luke White.*

*E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.*

#### TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, and in respect of letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post.

And whereas, by an Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office," it is enacted that, in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by Warrant under their hands, to fix the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum weight in lieu thereof, and that all letters shall be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post, in conformity with any such Warrant, and also in conformity with and under and subject to all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall, from time to time direct; and it is also enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post Office to detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of that Act, or of the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to any regulations made under the authority of that Act, or the said first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned Act, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof or to forward them to the places of their destination, charged in either case with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct.

And whereas, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have from time to time by divers Warrants under their hands fixed and limited the dimensions of certain letters and packets transmissible by the post, and it is expedient to make such other regulations in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

Now, we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the

said before-mentioned Act, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant under our hands, order and direct as follows:—

1. That (except in the cases hereinafter mentioned) no letter or packet of any description whatever which in length shall exceed two feet or in breadth or depth one foot shall be forwarded by the post.

2. That the preceding clause shall not extend or apply to petitions or addresses forwarded to Her Majesty, or to petitions or addresses to Her Majesty, or petitions to either House of Parliament forwarded to any member of either House of Parliament, or to letters or packets of any description whatever to or from any of the Government offices or departments, or to or from any public officer to whom the Postmaster-General shall from time to time direct that the exemption hereby granted shall be extended.

3. That every letter and packet of whatever description sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, which shall in length exceed two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot (except as hereinbefore is provided) shall and may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed; and every such letter and packet on being so returned or given up, shall be either free of postage or shall, at the discretion of the Postmaster-General, be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage he shall think fit.

4. That the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as the like term used in the said recited Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty; save and except that nothing herein contained shall in anywise alter or affect anything contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 17th day of March, 1865, relating to the dimensions of letters and packets forwarded by the post between any places within the United Kingdom, or by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, which said Warrant, and everything therein contained, shall remain and continue in all respects in full force and effect.

5. That this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

6. That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed or altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

*Luke White.*

*E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.*

Whitehall, October 30, 1865.

The Right Honourable Sir William Erle, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed James Sparke, of Bury St. Edmunds, in the county of Suffolk, Gentleman, to be one of the

Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Suffolk.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

##### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ACT BY ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

WHEREAS the Local Government Act, 1858, was duly adopted on the 31st day of October, 1865, by the parish of Acton, in the county of Middlesex: and notice of such adoption has been duly given, in writing, to me, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, as required by such Act; and whereas it has now been duly certified to me that a copy of such notice has been duly advertised, and that copies have also been affixed to the principal doors of each church and chapel in such parish, to which notices are usually affixed; and whereas appeal has been made, but it has been withdrawn, and the time allowed for appeals has now expired.

Now, therefore, I, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby give notice that the Local Government Act, 1858, has been adopted within the said parish of Acton, in the county of Middlesex, and I do order that the said Act shall, from and after the 15th day of January, 1866, have the force of law within such parish of Acton.

Given under my hand this 29th day of December, 1865.

*G. Grey.*

Home Office, Whitehall.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 71)—AMERICA—SOUTH-EAST COAST.

*English Bank Light Vessel in the Rio de la Plata.*

INFORMATION has been received at the Admiralty, that the English Bank Light Vessel, in the Rio de la Plata, has been replaced in her original position off the north end of the bank, and now lies with the Mount lighthouse bearing N. 63° W., and Flores lighthouse N. 20° W.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation 9° 30' East in 1865.]

By command of their Lordships,  
*Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.*

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,  
20th December, 1865.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Rio de la Plata, No. 2544; and South America, East Coast, sheet 7, No. 2522. Also, South American Pilot, Part I., page 210; and Notice to Mariners, No. 58, dated 17th October, 1865.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 72.)—NOVA SCOTIA.

*Fog Trumpets on Sambro and Cranberry Islands.*

INFORMATION has been received at the Admiralty, that fog trumpets have been placed on Sambro and Cranberry Islands, near the entrances